

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF DAWSON }
CITY OF LAMESA }

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY CALLED MEETING:

September 05, 2017

On this the 5th day of September, 2017, at 5:30 P.M., there came on and was held a regularly called meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas. Notice of such meeting having been posted at the City Hall at 601 South First Street in the City of Lamesa, Texas in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551). The following items were listed on the notice and the following proceedings were had, viz.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stevens announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551), and that discussion and actions are limited to the agenda items as posted. A quorum being present as evidenced by the presence 7 the Council Members were present:

JOSH STEVENS	MAYOR
MARIE BRISENO	COUNCIL MEMBER – DISTRICT 2
BRANT STEWART	COUNCIL MEMBER – DISTRICT 1
BOBBY G. GONZALES	COUNCILMEMBER–MAYOR PROTEM DISTRICT 4
RICK MORENO	COUNCIL MEMBER – DISTRICT 3
FRED VERA	COUNCIL MEMBER – DISTRICT 5
DOUG MORRIS (PARTIAL MTG)	COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

City staff members present at the meeting:

SHAWNA D. BURKHART	CITY MANAGER
BETTY CONDE	CITY SECRETARY
RUSSELL CASSELBERRY	CITY ATTORNEY

Members of the public present at the meeting:

Victor Dimas	Sylvia Dimas	Cris Norris
Dale Alwan	Terri Stahl	Shelley Barron
Larry Duyck	Mike Lopez	Saul Torres
Wayne Chapman	Allean Jasmine	Scott Leonard
Dionicio Garza Jr.	David Burkhart	Herrel Hallmark
Leticia Dimas		

Invocation as given by Mayor Josh Stevens.

RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET: Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget that raises more property taxes than the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 1.42 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-9.59 {(Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE)}.

Motion by Council Member Morris to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget which raises more property tax (based on a tax rate of \$0.817521) than the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (based on \$0.827521). Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzales and upon being put to a vote the motion passed

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
Josh Stevens	√	0	0
Brant Stewart	√	0	0
Marie A. Briseno	√	0	0
Rick Moreno	√	0	0
Bobby Gonzales	√	0	0
Fred Vera	√	0	0
Douglas Morris	√	0	0

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2017 (DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE): Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue required to pay Debt Service at a rate of \$0.030918 per hundred dollar assessed valuation for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 1.42 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-9.59 {(Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE)}.

Motion by Council Member Vera was stated as: **“I MOVE THAT THE CITY ESTABLISH THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE WHICH WILL RAISE THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE REQUIRED TO PAY DEBT SERVICE AT A RATE OF \$0.030918 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.”** Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzales and upon being put to a vote the motion

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	“AYE”	“NAY”	“ABSTAIN”
Josh Stevens	√	0	0
Brant Stewart	√	0	0
Marie A. Briseno	√	0	0
Rick Moreno	√	0	0
Bobby Gonzales	√	0	0
Fred Vera	√	0	0
Douglas Morris	√	0	0

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2017 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAX RATE): Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue needed to fund Maintenance and Operation expenditures at a rate of **\$0.786603** for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 1.42 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-9.59 {Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE}.

Motion by Council Member Gonzales must be stated as: **“I MOVE THAT THE CITY ESTABLISH THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE WHICH WILL RAISE THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE REQUIRED TO FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES AT A RATE OF \$0.786603 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE. ”** Motion seconded by Council Member Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
Josh Stevens	√	0	0
Brant Stewart	√	0	0
Marie A. Briseno	√	0	0
Rick Moreno	√	0	0
Bobby Gonzales	√	0	0
Fred Vera	√	0	0
Douglas Morris	√	0	0

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2017: Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.817521 per hundred dollar assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018, and adopting the provisions of Section 31.05 of the State Property Tax Code to provide for discounts under certain conditions.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 1.42 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-9.59 {Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE}.

Motion by Council Member Vera must be stated as; **"I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.817521, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 1.44 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 1.42 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-9.59."**

Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzales and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

APPROVAL FOR LAMESA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO APPLY FOR TXDOT ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROJECT (RAMP) GRANT FUNDING: City Council to consider approving the Lamesa Municipal Airport Board to apply for TxDOT RAMP Grant funding for up to \$50,000.

Motion by Council Member Gonzales to approve the Lamesa Municipal Airport to apply for TxDOT Routine Airport Maintenance Project (RAMP) Grant funding. Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 6 "NAY" 0 "ABSTAIN" 0

APPROVAL OF NOTICE INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: City Council to consider approving Notice of Intent to file an Application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for Financial Assistance for improvements to the existing north water well field, including drilling 2 additional water wells, new booster water pump station, replacement of 4.52 miles of transmission pipeline, construction of a new 15 million gallon capacity ground storage tank at the termination point for CRMWA, replacement of 8" sewer line on Avenue P, purchase and installation of generators at sewer lift stations and required archeological and environmental studies.

Motion by Council Member Vera to approve Notice of Intent to file an application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for Financial Assistance for improvements to the existing north water well field, including drilling 2 additional water wells, new booster water pump station, replacement of 4.52 miles of transmission pipeline, construction of a new 15 million gallon capacity ground storage tank at the termination point for CRMWA, replacement of 8" sewer line on Avenue P, purchase and installation of generators at sewer lift stations and required archeological and environmental studies. Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzales and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 6 "NAY" 0 "ABSTAIN" 0

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager to report on current activities and answer questions from the City Council.

The City Manager updated City Council on the improvements underway at the Lamesa Municipal Golf Course, Hole #6. The cost of the improvements will be split between the current fiscal year and FY 2017-2018 fiscal year.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor to report on future plans and goals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council to consider convening into closed executive session regarding Consultation with Attorney under the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551.071, Texas Government Code). No action will be taken in closed session. The Council will reconvene into open session after the completion of the executive session.

Pending Water Well Permit Application (SE ¼, Sec 80, Blk 35, T6N)

Motion by Council Member Gonzales to convene in closed executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings (Chapter 551.071) regarding Consultation with Attorney. Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 6 "NAY" 0 "ABSTAIN" 0

AUTHORIZATION OF CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE A LETTER OF OPPOSITION WITH MESA UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGARDING PENDING WATER WELL PERMIT APPLICATION: City Council to consider taking action to authorize the City Attorney to file a letter of opposition with Mesa Underground Water Conservation District regarding pending water well permit application (SE ¼, Sec 80, Blk 35, T6N).


No action was taken.

Due to City Councilmembers being out of town, City Council asked to cancel the September 12th, 2017 Regularly Called City Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of Lamesa will be September 19, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council certifies that the items above are a full record of the subject matter of each deliberation and indicates each vote, order, decision or other action taken by the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas at the meeting held on the date indicated above. Ratified and approved at the regularly called meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas held on September 5, 2017.

ATTEST:



Betty Conde
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Josh Stevens
Mayor